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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL TRACT TO DISCREDIT SADAT

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED IN MAIL JUNE 15 WELL REPRODUCED TWO-PAGE LETTER FROM "A GROUP OF EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS" MAILED FROM HELIOPOLIS. LETTERHEAD WAS COLORED PHOTO OF NASSER IN PENSIVE, DISTURBED MOOD. LETTER IS WRITTEN IN FAIRLY GOOD ENGLISH.
2. CONTENTS ARE VIOLENT ATTACK ON VIRTUALLY ALL ASPECTS OF SADAT'S POLICIES, PARTICULARLY OPEN-DOOR ECONOMIC POLICY WHICH IT ALLEGES HAS RESULTED IN NO IMPROVEMENT OF PEOPLE'S SUFFERING AND WIDESPREAD CORRUPTION. ASHRAF MARWAN AND MUSTAFA AMIN SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED. LETTER CLAIMS SADAT'S "INCOMPETENT INTERFERENCE" IN AFFAIRS OF MINISTRIES IS TO BLAME FOR "POLITICAL CHAOS".
3. LETTER ALSO CLAIMS SADAT VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS BY "TERROR, ARRESTS AND REPRESSIONS AGAINST INNOCENT, HONEST PATRIOTS. . . AND UNBELIEVABLE MEDIEVAL TORTURE FORCING THE ACCUSED PEOPLE TO SIGN FABRICATED TESTIMONIES." LETTER APPEALS TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION FOR "SOLIDARITY

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IN STRUGGLE TO HAVE BASIC FREEDOMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS RESPECTED. . ." AND TO JOURNALISTS ALL OVER THE WORLD "TO DENOUNCE SADAT'S RISKY POLICY." LETTER ENCLOSES COPY OF FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE OF MAY 13 ON SHORTCOMINGS OF OPEN-DOOR ECONOMIC POLICY.

4. COMMENT: WE ASSUME LETTER HAS BEEN MAILED

TO WIDE VARIETY OF EMBASSIES, FOREIGN JOURNALISTS AND OTHERS. IT REPRESENTS EXCEPTIONALLY RARE ORGANIZED EFFORT WITHIN EGYPT TO DISCREDIT SADAT. WE DO NOT WISH TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS, BUT IT HAS ALL APPEARANCES OF PRODUCT OF LEFTIST/COMMUNIST AUTHORSHIP. SECURITY AUTHORITIES LIKELY TO VIEW IT AS CHALLENGE AND TAKE STRENUOUS MEASURES TO FIND AND PUNISH PERPETRATORS.

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